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The Paris Horror.

The frightful loss of human life in Paris will lead to a good deal of bitter criticism on the flimsy construction and the inflammable materials used to hide cheap building material. From all that we know, nothing that could be said on this score will be too much. If ever a death-trap was set, the building in which that charity bazaar was held was such a trap.

The flimsy materials of construction do not represent the worst fault in the building. The dispatches tell that there was but one way to get out of that building. Of course when the fire broke out everybody rushed that way, and so we have reports of people being knocked down and trampled under foot, while the flames were raging and the hot pitch roof was falling in on them.

If there had been another opening the loss of life would have been much less. If there had been more means of exit the panic would soon have spent itself through the other ways. The one opening had to do under all circumstances. Nobody can raise the cry of fire in a crowded place of assemblage without starting all the human beings in it as if they were a flock of sheep.

The world's experience should lead the managers of every such affair to look for a possibility of a panic and to make such provisions as may reduce to a minimum the horrors that go with a panic.

We have been lead to think that in Europe, in Paris as much as elsewhere in Europe, they do these things better than we do in this country. We have been told that the government exercises close supervision over every place of public assemblage, looking well always to the exits. In this case nothing seems to have been looked to. It was a charitable entertainment and the authorities did not interfere with it.

The story of this calamity brings with it a lesson which should not be thrown away. However owners and builders may like it, the public authorities should not be willing to allow any public house to be less than safe for the people who enter it. Above all other things every means of getting out should be supplied.

A Duty on Tea.

The senate finance committee proposes a duty on tea. Of course a duty on tea coming into this country is obviously a revenue duty, levied for that distinct purpose and for that alone. It would never be proposed in a Republican tariff bill if the promoters of that measure could see any other way less objectionable to raise with certainty the necessary revenue.

Unfortunately the revenues have run down under the Wilson tariff law, and the mere suggestion of a tariff law on Republican lines has set the importers to work piling up a mass of imports which must be worked off before the treasury can begin to get the benefit of the new duty.

So it is proposed to increase the internal revenue tax on beer and to impose this revenue duty on tea. The tea duty is to be at a rate of 10 cents per pound and to last only until January 1st, 1900, after which tea is to come in free as now.

Tea experts have urged a duty on tea on the ground that it would bring a government inspection for the protection of the people, this country being undoubtedly the dumping ground for the poorest tea produced in the world. This good collateral effect may come from the duty, but the obvious and undisguised intent of the duty is revenue.

Let Us Have Reciprocity.

The house bill, as it goes into the senate from the finance committee of that body, omits any provision for reciprocity. There is a provision for retaliation where other countries seek to stimulate their domestic industries to export bounties. The omission is a mistake.

The reciprocity clause of the McKinley tariff bill was producing good fruit and would have produced more if the Democratic party had not left reciprocity out of its tariff bill. We have not learned why the senate makes this omission, but we doubt whether any good reason could be given for it.

The house seems thoroughly in favor of incorporating a reciprocity treaty in the tariff bill, and unless it has changed its mind it will insist that this provision shall remain in the bill.

The Duties on Pottery Ware.

The senate finance committee has made a decided improvement in the pottery schedule of the house bill. In that bill the duties are all ad valorem. Under the senate bill they are compound, specific and ad valorem.

For example, instead of making the plain ware dutiable at 55 per cent of its value and the decorated ware at 60 per cent, as in the house bill, the senate committee would impose on the white ware a duty of three-fourths of one cent per pound and 20 per cent ad valorem, in-

creasing the rate per pound and the ad valorem duty as the decoration increases in value.

There will still be opportunity to defraud the government and to reduce the intended measure of protection and of revenue from pottery imports, but so far as the duty is specific there can be no undervaluation or evasion there. Any article coming under this head has to pay not less than 45 per cent of its value, and in taking the weight the gross weight of the package is to count as the basis of the specific duty.

This proposed change may still fall short of the idea of the potters, but it is a very decided improvement on the house provision. It gives to the government and to the American pottery industry a more certain basis of calculation.

Who Goes Before?

There is more or less unhappiness among the foreign diplomats in this country growing out of arrangements for their reception at the time of the Grant monument dedication. Especially was there a question of the relative position of ambassadors, diplomats of very high official character.

Thanks to a good deal of tact, the trouble was bridged over for the time, but it is realized in Washington that we must lay down some rules for the guidance of official functions in the future. Among other things it must be settled whether the British ambassador is to take precedence of the Vice President of the United States.

In theory an ambassador represents the sovereign; his person is particularly sacred and commands the highest official consideration.

The present British ambassador thinks it his right to come next to the President of the United States. In Washington they have evolved a rather ingenious theory to meet a case of this kind.

In this country the people are the sovereigns, and their highest official representatives are the President and the Vice President, the speaker of the house and the chief justice of the supreme court, severally representing the executive, the legislative and the judicial branches of the government.

Taking this view, it is thought that the ambassadors will consent that the Vice President, the speaker of the house and the chief justice may come between them and the President. But what is to be done with the cabinet? Since the cabinet is in a sense attached to the person of the President, a sort of personal staff, it is believed that the ambassadors will not feel hurt if the gentlemen of the cabinet be allowed to go along with the President of the United States.

All this may seem very unimportant to us practical Americans, not many of whom are deeply engaged in the diplomatic business; but to the representatives of foreign governments who are accustomed to see much made of these things at home, the order of precedence, whether in the United States or in Timbuctoo, is a matter of decided importance. Since these gentlemen so regard the subject we shall all be glad to see some arrangement made entirely to their liking. We study to please.

City and Suburban Railways.

The Wheeling & Elm Grove Railway Company denies emphatically that its present request for the extension of its franchise was in any way brought about by a knowledge of the fact that a rival company was about to ask permission to enter the field. It gives the Intelligencer great pleasure to afford the company the benefit of this statement.

The point of the whole matter is, whether the city council is to close the door to all possible competition with the Wheeling & Elm Grove Company, on the one hand and with the Wheeling Railway Company on the other, the two now covering the whole field of city and suburban transportation.

It is fair to these two companies to say that they have served the community well and doubtless will continue so to do, and for which reason they should still have from council the fair and liberal treatment which they have always had. But it would not be good policy or just to permit them, or either of them, to block any other scheme of transportation that may be devised in good faith. This is what council has to consider above all things.

There is a proposition before the Richmond city council to turn the gas works over to a private corporation. The Dispatch opposes it. Our esteemed Virginia friend is right. Wheeling has had experience, and nothing could induce the people of this city to let their gas works slip out of their hands. Municipal ownership of water works and gas works is the right thing. Where it does not go well the fault is in the administration.

Germany may not take kindly to our proposed new tariff law. We do not feel under great obligation to a country that misrepresents our food products in order to prevent their sale in its market. Moreover, Germany has much more to lose than we have by a war of retaliatory tariffs. We can give her points and beat her at that little game.

Senator Foraker, as chairman of the senate committee to look into the civil service, will be where he may unearth some things that the country should know. With apologies to a distinguished French woman we may say: "O, Civil Service Reform! What crimes are committed in thy name!"

Senator Foraker touched up Senator Gorman by way of reminding senators on that side that he is ready to take a hand whenever the occasion may require. Senator Foraker will take care of himself in any bout in which he may be engaged.

Ambassador Hay has flashed on our British friends in a way that quite captivates them. He has the wealth and the intellectual grasp to hold his own over there.

We are not playing ball up to the bragging point. Besides, somebody always has to play the Greek part in our national game.

The Greeks may crack a Turkish head now and then, but their chance is gone. "Tis true, 'tis pity, and pity 'tis 'tis true."

Coney Island has become so very proper that it arrests a woman bicyclist for wearing knickerbockers. Now we may expect to hear that the sea has rolled

back and left Coney Island on the very mountain-top of virtue.

It is remarked that the duchess d'Uzes had staid No. 13 in the ill-fated Paris bazaar. It should be remarked also that she escaped unhurt. Thirteen was not an unlucky number for her.

Starvation is doing for many of the Cubans what Weyler has failed to do. Weyler is understood to be grateful for any sort of assistance in his noble work of desolating the island.

Great a city as New York is, very many persons are moving out of it by the suicide route. Can't Dr. Depew keep them all happy?

There is something back of all this talk about the supervising architect of the treasury. What is it?

Never mind, Mr. Dingley, other statesmen have had 'em carved before.

HASTEN THE TARIFF.

Even Free Trade Papers are Against Further Delay.

New York Press: Even so ardent a Free Trader and so enthusiastic an opponent of "Dingleyism" as the New York Herald urges the senate to make haste with the tariff bill. Taking the sensible view that the law should be enacted as soon as possible in order that the business of the country may adjust itself to the new conditions and our unemployed wage earners get to work without further delay, the Herald says:

"Mr. Jones, we are told, has the balance of power in the senate finance committee, and unless he is placated the bill cannot be got out of the committee. If the situation were not fraught with such stupendous results it would be laughable, but the sight of paralytic enterprise, idle capital, impoverished workmen and dwindling fortunes on every hand is not one to inspire mirth. Spring trade has been ruined by the tariff uncertainty, and every day's delay adds to the probability that the bill will not get upon the statute book in time to give the country a basis of certainty on which the autumn trade can be conducted."

This is a just and proper appreciation of the situation which it is a pleasure to observe in our cotemporary. The whole country is ready and anxious to go to work under the Dingley tariff. But it must wait for the new law. Nothing permanent or satisfactory in the way of reviving business can be done until the malicious and revengeful obstruction to the Dingley measure ceases. We shall have prosperity, and probably an unequalled prosperity, as soon as the hired agents of the silver conspiracy consent to allow laws to be made for the 70,000,000 people of the whole United States. Instead of a score of owners of silver mines and State banks, which give us the mischief-making Jones of a smaller population than a suburb of an ordinary manufacturing town in the East.

Give us the new tariff law!

West Virginia Pensioners.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. WASHINGTON, May 4.—West Virginia pensioners have received certificates of restoration and increase as follows:

Restoration and reissue.—(Special) Lewis Ashley, deceased, Charleston. Increase.—Francis M. Shear, Fairmont; Ezekiel Shepherd, Pennsylvania; Wm. M. Gardner, Viola, Marshall county.

West Virginia Postmasters.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. WASHINGTON, May 4.—Three West Virginia postmasters were appointed to-day. They are S. W. Hammond, vice W. M. St. Clair at Mayberry, McDowell county; John Holmes, vice C. L. Walker at Mount Carbon, Fayette county; and J. W. Crawford, vice T. L. Woodson at Sewell, Fayette county.

Patents to West Virginians.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. WASHINGTON, May 4.—Patents to West Virginia inventors have been issued as follows: George W. McGee, Knottville, a railway switch; Joseph C. Hanger, Shepherdstown, sprocket chain; The Reymann Brewing Company of Wheeling has taken out a trade mark for lager beer.

A Delphic Response.

BY THEODORE TILTON.
A throng of Greeks from all the Corinth coast
Went up with offerings to Apollo's shrine.
Expecting from his oracle a sign
To signalize to all the motley host
Which of their many gifts he prized the most.
The gifts were gold and ivory, oil and wine,
Pearls from the main, and rubies from
And every treasure which the East could boast.
A poor cripple limped behind the crowd,
And made the final gift. It was his crutch!
"This beggar" (so the oracle avowed),
"Gave all he owned; no price gave half
so much!"
Whereat a sunbeam fell from out a cloud,
And cured the cripple by Apollo's touch.

The Best Remedy for Rheumatism.

From the Fairhaven, (N. Y.) Register: Mr. James Rowland, of this village, states that for twenty-five years his wife has been a sufferer from rheumatism. A few nights ago she was in such pain that she was nearly crazy. She sent Mr. Rowland for the doctor, but he had read of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and instead of going for the physician he went to the store and secured a bottle of it. His wife did not approve of Mr. Rowland's purchase at first, but nevertheless applied the Balm thoroughly and in an hour's time was able to go to sleep. She now applies it whenever she feels an ache or a pain and finds that it always gives relief. He says that no medicine which she had used ever did her as much good. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by druggists.

CROUP and whooping cough are childhood's terrors, but influenza, pneumonia and other throat and lung troubles, can be quickly cured by using One Minute Cough Cure. Charles R. Goetze, corner Market and Twelfth streets; Bowie & Co., Bridgeport; Peabody & Son, Benwood.

Low Rates to Detroit. The Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway will sell tickets to Detroit, Mich., at special low rates on account of National Association of Steel Manufacturers' meeting at Detroit, May 11 to 15. Two hours shorter time Wheeling to Detroit than any other route. For further particulars call on R. E. Law, corner City Bank Building, telephone 924, or at depot, Eighteenth and Market streets.

A Real Catarrh Cure.

The 16 cent trial size of Ely's Cream Balm which can be had of the druggist is sufficient to demonstrate its great value. Send 10 cents, we will mail it. Full size 50c. ELY BROS., 56 Warren street, N. Y. City.

Catarrh caused difficulty in speaking and to a great extent loss of hearing. By the use of Ely's Cream Balm dropping of mucus has ceased, voice and hearing have greatly improved.—J. W. Davidson, Attorney-at-Law, Monmouth, Ill.

THIRTY years is a long time to fight so painful a trouble as piles, but Jacob Mitchell, of Knoxville, Pa., struggled that long before he tried DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, which quickly and permanently cured him. It is equally effective in eczema and all skin affections. Charles R. Goetze, corner Market and Twelfth streets; Bowie & Co., Bridgeport; Peabody & Son, Benwood.

ONE OF TWO WAYS.

The bladder was created for one purpose, namely, a receptacle for the urine, and as such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one of two ways. The first way is from imperfect action of the kidneys. The second way is from careless local treatment of other diseases.

CHIEF CAUSE.

Unhealthy urine from unhealthy kidneys is the chief cause of bladder trouble, and suffering so painful to many that life is made miserable. The womb like the bladder, was created for one purpose, and if left alone it is not liable to become diseased, except in rare cases. When in position very close to the bladder, back and of very close to the bladder, and for that reason any distress, disease or inconvenience manifested in the kidneys, back, bladder or urinary passage is often by mistake, attributed to female weakness or womb trouble of some sort. The error is instantly made and may be easily avoided by paying a little attention to the condition of the urine (see pamphlet). The mild and the extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures. If you need a medicine you should have the best. At druggists fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent free by mail. Mention the Daily Intelligencer and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietors of this paper guarantee the genuineness of the offer.

CHAIR OF GEOLOGY

At the University—A Correspondent's Complaint—Law Department Criticized. To the Editor of the Intelligencer.

SIR: A party of gentlemen discussing the condition of affairs at the state University recently developed the fact that the chair of geology ought to be very much strengthened. It is a curious fact that since the withdrawal of Prof. I. C. White from this chair, it has attracted little or no attention from the outside public. There used to be a great deal heard about geologist at the state University, and the question is put—do they have a geologist at the University now? If so, why is he not heard from? It was also suggested that the state is about to begin a state geological survey, which would offer considerable attractions, perhaps Prof. White would not be averse to again taking hold of the chair of geology in the University and also become chief of the geological survey and make both what they should be. There are certain factors mentioned by the gentleman which indicate that the University may be very much strengthened by such an arrangement. So far as your informant knows, no one has been authorized to consult with Prof. White in regard to this matter, and he has not given it any consideration, so far as known. It will strike many prominent citizens of the state as a good move for the University. Your correspondent was also very much surprised to learn at the same time, that it is currently reported by students of the law department of the University, that the professor of equity, jurisprudence and commercial law, although drawing a full salary, only lectures once a day. That frequently even this is cut short, and in place of it a most costly substitute, which involves no effort or preparation upon the part of the professor. Can it be possible that a man is so lazy that he will draw a full salary for such meagre service? One gentleman suggested that this matter would be looked into, and we may expect the president of the University in regard to what the professors in the law department actually are doing to earn their salaries. It seems beyond belief that a set of professors should be satisfied with delivering a single lecture a day. That would seem to be too soft a snap, and yet students do say that one hour or less a day is all that they give to the University. ZIP.

Grafton, W. Va., May 4.

GET WELL AND STAY WELL.

Get Rid of What Makes You Sick and Stay Rid of it.

It is so simple to be well that we wonder why there are so many sick people. Come to think about it, must be because they don't know what's made them sick. If they knew that, they could prevent it, and when they were sick, in some cases cure themselves. But, so long as we don't take more care of our health, we shall always be more or less sick. The simple rules of health are: Keep clean, take exercise, eat good food, scour out your stomach. This last means: Don't tolerate indigestion. Cure it with Shaker Digestive Cordial. A stomach full of undigested, fermented, putrid food is the unhealthy thing you can think of. Half of our diseases and troubles come from the poisons of undigested food. More than half of them could be cured with Shaker Digestive Cordial. More than half, because often when we think we are sick we are only weak, and a course of nourishing food digested without effort by the stomach (with the aid of Shaker Digestive Cordial) would reinvigorate the whole system and make us well.

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Everybody expects to visit Washington some time; in fact, it is a duty every one owes to himself. What Rome was to every soldier of the empire, what Athens was to the Greek, Washington is and should be to every citizen of the United States—his glory, his pride, his inheritance; it belongs to him; all its magnificence, all its glory, all its fame, its public buildings, paintings, statuary, its monuments, its gardens, its libraries, its museums, its streets, its parks, and he ought once in a while to see it. Congress now being in session will add additional interest to the city, already teeming with attractions.

The Baltimore & Ohio announces another of those popular excursions for Thursday, May 6. The tickets will be valid ten days, and good for a trip to Baltimore and return at any time within the limit.

We show below train schedules and rates of fare from this vicinity:

	a. m.	a. m.	a. m.	p. m.	p. m.	Rate.
Wheeling	12:25	2:30	4:30	6:30	8:30	\$10.00
Benwood	12:25	2:30	4:30	6:30	8:30	\$10.00
Moundsville	1:37	3:40	5:40	7:40	9:40	\$10.00
Roby's Rock	7:55	9:55	11:55	1:55	3:55	\$10.00
Easton	8:58	10:58	12:58	2:58	4:58	\$10.00

Correspondingly low rates will be made from other points. The long time limit on the tickets will give visitors an opportunity to make side trips to Mt. Vernon, Old Point Comfort, Richmond, Virginia Beach, Annapolis and other points.

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